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FOR THE BETTER LIFE

E. FRANCES JONES RETIRES

Chief Field Consultant for the Library Commission since 1963, Miss Jones retired September 30, after a distinguished 17-year career of service to West Virginia libraries.

Miss Jones was born and raised in Parkersburg. Following the usual commitments to education, a tour of service with the Army in Alaska, and an introduction to librarianship in Ohio, Miss Jones returned to the Mountain State in its Centennial year.

Miss Jones, in her extensive travels around the State, counseled trustees, helped library staffs, urged the construction of new libraries and the improvement and expansion of those facilities already established.

In 1977, the West Virginia Library Association awarded her its prestigious Dora Ruth Parks Award for Meritorious Service.

She will best be remembered for developing and directing the innovative Marshall University Institute on Library Skills held annually.

The following resolution was passed in her honor at the West Virginia Library Association's annual conference in Huntington:

WHEREAS, Miss E. Frances Jones, Chief Field Consultant with the West Virginia Library Commission, retired from this position effective September 30, 1980, after working with libraries and librarians in West Virginia for seventeen years and,

WHEREAS, Miss Jones was instrumental in establishing new libraries in many communities throughout the State and

transforming many token libraries into viable community resources, working closely with library boards, concerned citizens, and library staffs to solve problems ranging from site selection to the intricacies of cataloging and,

WHEREAS, Miss Jones has played an invaluable role in the development of library service in West Virginia, resulting in the establishment of a regional library for the blind and physically handicapped, the initiation of library services to state institutions, and the creation of the Marshall Institute to train staff from geographically remote libraries and,

WHEREAS, Miss Jones' comprehensive knowledge of the topography and demography of the State linked with her understanding of the history and personality of West Virginia libraries and librarians will be greatly missed,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Virginia Library Association in annual conference convened, October 23, 1980, hereby recognizes the immense contribution Miss Jones has made to library development in West Virginia, expresses its sincere appreciation of her efforts, and wishes her an enjoyable retirement.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be presented to Miss Jones, to the West Virginia Library Commission and filed permanently in the records of the Association.



E. Frances Jones Retires

Commission Staff Changes

Following the retirement of Chief Field Consultant, E. Frances Jones, on September 30, 1980, the following changes were made in staff:

Promoted to Field Consultant I, Direct Services (Book Express) was Donna Calvert. Donna was

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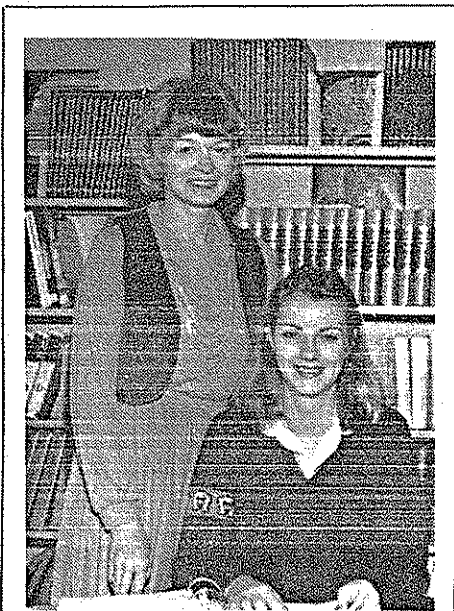
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formerly Field Librarian for four years in the Book Express Office. A 1976 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, School of Library and Information Science, Donna has been in charge of bookmobile services, children's programming, Young Adult Services, volunteer coordination and consultant for new libraries.

Her new duties now include administration of the nine staff members of the Direct Services Office which serve the 22 libraries in 9 counties that depend on the Commission for acquisition, processing, budgeting and programming guidance.

Donna has been responsible for grants to many of these libraries for video equipment. Her latest construction project received official recognition when the new Monroe County Library was dedicated on December 6 in Union.



Shirley Smith & Donna Calvert

Also receiving a promotion to Field Consultant II, Field Services was Shirley A. Smith. Shirley came to the Library Commission in 1978 from Kanawha County Public Library where she had worked for five years as circulation Department Head, Catalog Department Head, among other positions. A 1970 graduate of Case Western Reserve University, School of Library Science, Shirley previously worked for three years in New Jersey as a Cataloger,

Reference Librarian and School Media Librarian before returning to West Virginia.

Her previous assignments included Field Librarian, Book Express, and Head, Institutional Services. Projects have included director of exhibits for the Great Info Show(!), Solar Energy Education and recently, the anSIR file.

New assignments will include statewide consulting on volunteers, programs for the elderly, illiterate and rural; statistics, grant reports and such special projects as the current Tax-Aide for the Elderly. She also will continue to head Institutional Services.

New WVLC Appointments

Governor Rockefeller appointed Victorine Louistall of Clarksburg and William Young of Bethany to the West Virginia Library Commission on September 3.

Both appointees have participated in local library affairs. Miss Louistall is presently a volunteer and Board member for the Clarksburg Public Library. Before her retirement, she was an associate professor of library science at West Virginia University and had worked for many years in high school and university libraries in West Virginia.

Miss Louistall graduated from West Virginia State College and later received her master of arts and library science degrees from West Virginia University. She is a member of the West Virginia Education Association, American Library Association, American Association of University Professors and the National Education Association, among several other professional organizations.

Her community activities have included work with the Young Women's Christian Association and Presidents Advisory Commission on Civil Rights in West Virginia. Miss Louistall succeeds Mrs. Fae Abplanalp, who resigned.

Mr. Young, a Brooke County

native, has served as chairman of the Brooke County Library Commission for many years and also has been active in State Library Commission concerns, as well as being chairman of the Department of History and Political Science at Bethany College.

He succeeds Thomas Potter, whose term has expired.

**Mini-Marc Has Come
To Our House To Stay,
To Help Us Clear Your
Backlog Up And
Shoo Our Books Away**

"What's A MINI MARC ?"

It is a mini computer system including a CPU (Central Processing Unit), three 8-inch disc drives, a high-speed printer, and a CRT (Cathode Ray Tube) terminal.

Of course it had to be a computer. Everything is nowadays.... but a computer just sits there if someone does not tell it what to do, how to do it and what to do it to. So the system also includes programs designed to produce catalog cards and circulation labels working from the million and a half cataloging records on the Library of Congress Marc (Machine Readable Cataloging) data base which is updated weekly on floppy discs.

Floppy discs are similar to those thin phonograph records you sometimes receive from people trying to sell you a membership in some record club or other. Except these flexible discs are housed in permanent paper envelopes and are high density storage devices for electronic data.

Now we have a machine capable of manipulating the cataloging records distributed by the Library of Congress, and a printer to produce card sets. But it is still just sitting there.

So the Commission adds five people working seven days a week and turns the whole thing into Santa Claus!

Why Santa Claus? Who else would give you catalog cards for free besides Santa Claus or the Library

Commission? Even Santa Claus would not throw in the five people and attempt to edit the entries to meet your (pardon the expression) peculiar traditions. He would just top main entry kits under the tree with a set of instructions translated literally from Japanese and let you put them together, muttering under his breath as he tried to get up your solar air duct, "Don't look a gift horse in the mouth."

For many the first question is "How long will they be free?" Now that really is taking a microscope to the horse's teeth! Who can guarantee how long they will be able to give anything away. It depends on Federal and State support of library programs. Even if the day came when some charge had to be made, the cost would not equal the cost of cards from commercial sources, as the Commission lacks a profit motive.

The next question is always concerned with turn-around time. Receipt of the catalog sets usually occurs within a few days to several weeks, depending on how many entries are submitted at one time. Sending in a few hundred entries will result in those entries being returned in about a week, especially if we receive the request on a Monday, we do the indexing and editing of requests during weekdays which start at 6:00 a.m. and end at 5:00. The printing is done each evening from 5:00 to 11:00 p.m.

How high is the hit rate, or for the uninitiated, how many of the entries do you find on Marc? We have been finding about 95% of the requests. Again, the type of things we do not find are English imprints, such as Cavendish and Wayland Publications, some local history materials and Large Print materials, mainly the British Ulverscroft imprints. Out of the over 10,000 entries we have put onto our own user discs, all but 580 of them came from the Marc data base.

Added benefits of using the system? The entries are in machine-readable format. This means that the entries are dumped

straight into the Union Catalog without re-keying. They can be used to produce local COM (Computer Output Microform) catalogs, such as the one at Cabell County. As the records are maintained in the Marc format, any vendor can take the records and produce a COM catalog. We can also dump the records directly from our terminal into your automated circulation system, so that the earlier you join the system, the less editing and re-keying would be required, when the day comes that you do make the switch to either an automated catalog or circulation system. Forms are being printed which will be available for submitting requests. These will help us to standardize the format of the requests we receive and insure that we know what you want. They will include requests for information, such as how many Main Entry cards do you want for each set, and how do you want the Dewey Classification and Cutter to appear? We can most easily locate the entry if you will supply the Library of Congress card number (not the LC classification!), the author's last name and first initial (especially if the last name is a common one)

and the complete title. Many books are published with the same first word. If this is all you give us, then we cannot cross-check from the entry on Marc to your request to insure we are getting the correct entry. If you are requesting cards and do not have the LC card number available, be sure to include the complete title and author. It will cut down on time in the long run, as we will be better able to fill your needs and you will not have to resubmit the request with additional information. If you submit requests in the form of lists on bond paper, please double space! It is so much easier to read, keep one's place and make notes if a little space is left between each line. Copies of your order forms, if you use multiple-part order forms, are acceptable. We will ask that you send in one copy of our form to establish the editing format with each order, and also use the form for any books you know you want to keep in the old Dewey number to conform to earlier editions or for any other titles for which you have some exception to the card format.

For further information, you may contact the Technical Services Department at 348-3978.



Eugenia Thoenan, Judith Prosser Vicki Shamblen

Budget Cuts vs. Projects

Construction projects completed in FY 1980 included five Outpost Libraries at Belington, Browns Halleck, Lesage, Marmet and Poca. New Instant Libraries included Racine and Sissonville. Additions were made at Hillsboro and Paden City. One new facility was built in Wirt County. Along with a grant to Hardy County for equipment, these projects totaled over half a million dollars and serve over 35,000 people.

Projects approved in FY 1980 included 15 libraries, for a total of \$2,224,000.

Although no funds were available for construction this fiscal year, it is hoped that they will be next year. Libraries planning new facilities or additions should make their intentions known to Dave Childers at the Library Commission so they can be considered if construction funds are allocated.

A Major Resource

The West Virginia Board of Regent's Educational Information Center (EIC) recently completed the annual updating of their Directory of Educational Opportunities in West Virginia. This publication contains information on all types of educational opportunities available in West Virginia, ranging from college and university degrees to vocational training programs. Description of each school includes, costs and financial aid available. Other sections expand on testing programs, financial aid resources and special educational opportunities.

The 1980-81 directory has been distributed throughout West Virginia to a network of over 1,600 members, including high school and college counselors, public and school libraries and various service agencies (employment, training, placement, guidance, etc.) who deal with persons wishing to further their education. Libraries that want further information can call toll-free 1-800-642-3628 (Charleston area - 348-0006).

*The Bluebooks are Coming!
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Do Not request a 1980 West Virginia Blue Book from your Legislator or the Senate Clerk's Office!

The Senate Clerk's Office has been given mailing labels for all 158 libraries, and will mail a copy of the Blue Book to all libraries as soon as they are available - sometime around the end of January or the first of February.

Additional Services For The Blind

The West Virginia Library Commission has received a \$28,500 grant from the Federal Communications Commission to extend telecommunications to minorities.

Specially tuned radio receivers were acquired for use by print handicapped people in the Huntington-Charleston area.

The Library Commission was the only agency to be selected for a grant, according to Director, Frederic J. Glazer.

Refer To This

The Reference Department at the Library Commission reports that all public and academic libraries should have received copies of the 1978 and 1979 Charleston Newspaper Index. A limited supply is available by calling or writing the Reference Library.

The Reference Department has recently compiled a bibliography of books and periodical articles on wood heat. All the materials in the bibliography are available in the Reference collection - for reading, not for use in your Buck Stove!

As result of its participation in the State Data Center, the Reference library now has preliminary census counts, both population and housing units, for all counties in the State. A workshop is planned on census publications for librarians, possibly in the early spring.

The Reference Library would like to remind you that computer searching is getting more and more hectic. They did over 200 searches in October despite persistent equipment problems. Librarians

are cautioned NOT to call in computer search requests on the WATS Line. Reference would prefer to talk to the patron personally. Please encourage patrons with search requests to call the Reference Library directly.

Library Receives Energy Grant

The Pocahontas County Free Library has received a \$7,800 grant from the Department of Energy. The funds will be used for an Instant Carousel Library Solar Retrofit Demonstration and Public Information Program. The grant was made under the Appropriate Technology Small Grants Program. The local project was one of 86 approved out of 20,000 applications across the nation. Librarian of the Pocahontas County library is Rose Bowyer.

We Have The an • SIR

After nine months of work, the West Virginia Library Commission announced the birth of its Statewide Information and Referral Service.

Conceived at the 1978 Governor's Conference on Libraries, the file was distributed to 147 libraries in late September. Due to printing technicalities, 11 libraries will be receiving theirs sometime in January.

The file is comprised of 1,100 cards giving information on West Virginia's resources in the areas of health, consumer affairs, legal aid, financial aid, travel, natural resources, recreation, clubs, associations, organizations and many, many more sources of information that people need, but often can't find in print.

The file is arranged by subjects (in people-terms, rather than library jargon) so that library patrons may use it themselves.

The file will be updated as needed. Libraries should add local entries as explained in the supplementary materials that went out with the file.

Also, libraries that have a "traditional" Information and Referral Agency in their area are

strongly urged to make use of their services.

Following is a list of the established Information and Referral Agencies in West Virginia, and the libraries they will serve:

Ann Terrenzi, Director

I & R Service

PO Box 1831

Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301

Phone: 623-6681

(Serving Harrison County)

Rebecca Renner

Doddridge County I & R

County Courthouse

West Union, West Virginia 26456

Phone: 873-2831

(Serving Doddridge County)

Nick Thimmesch, Director

Morgantown I & R

364 High Street

Room 226

Morgantown, West Virginia 26505

Phone: 296-2576

(Serving Monongalia County)

Mannie Viola, Director

Wheeling I & R

109 North Main Street

Wheeling, West Virginia 26003

Phone: 233-6300

(Serving the counties of Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, Ohio and Wetzel)

Francie Roberts, Director

Cabell County I & R

455-9th Street Plaza

Huntington, West Virginia 25701

Phone: 529-2600

Serving the counties of Cabell, Mason and Wayne)

Ellen Brown, Director

Parkersburg I & R

Room, United Trust Building

700 Market Street

Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

Phone: 1-800-642-1904

(Statewide for developmentally disabled)

Connie Kayser, Director

I & R Bureau

702 1/2 Lee Street

PO Box 2711

Charleston, West Virginia 25303

Phone: 1-800-642-8659 342-5100

(Serving the counties of Boone, Clay, Kanawha and Putnam)

If you have one of these agencies in your area, call them and become familiar with the services they can offer.

The Reel Story

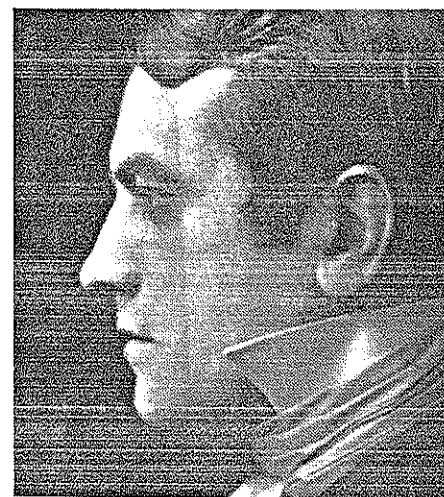
EXPANDING CINEMA is jump-cutting to QUALITY CINEMA as quality replaces quantity as the chief goal of Film Services, even though almost twice as many films were sent during September, 1980, as were sent in September, 1978. More feature films were purchased during fiscal year 1980 than short films as a result of the tremendous interest in fullscale film programming. Late editions include GREASE - the fourth most popular film ever made, and BUTCH CASSIDY AND THE SUNDANCE KID - also in the Top Twenty most popular films. These two films are only available for in-library use.

This year, the largest single feature film purchase was made from Cinema 5 of New York City. Both foreign and domestic films were purchased - THE MAN WHO FELL TO EARTH, starring rock idol David Bowie and directed by Nicholas Roeg, one of Englands finest directors; MARJOE, starring Marjoe Gortner in a documentary about "the religion business" and a winner of the Academy Award; MONTY PYTHON AND THE HOLY GRAIL, considered to be one of the funniest films ever made in England and one of the most popular comedy films in recent years; THE MAN WHO LOVED WOMEN, directed by leading French director Francois Truffaut whose most recent film, THE LAST METRO, closed the New York Film Festival; and EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF, directed by the finest

young film director in the world, West German Werner Herzog; and the finest Russian film made in years, THE SLAVE OF LOVE, directed by Nikita Mikhalkof, was included in the foreign feature film collection.

All of these films are shown regularly all over the country and are considered the finest films made in recent years. West Virginia is probably the only state in the country which can boast that the finest cinema in the state is FREE, and is shown at the local public library cinema!

A number of classic films were also purchased - THE BLUE ANGEL with Marlene Dietrich starring in her finest role; NANOOK OF THE NORTH, the single greatest documentary film ever made, and a number of foreign classics such as SHOOT THE PIANO PLAYER by Truffaut, KNIFE IN THE WATER by Roman Polanski and THE RULES OF THE GAME, Jean Renoir's ultimate masterpiece.



Richard Barthelmess, star of first Appalachian feature (1921) TOL'ABLE DAVID. This was the first film to truthfully show the struggle of rural people in the mountains. It was very popular worldwide, winner of many awards, and a model of future films.

Available from Film Services after June 1, 1981.

The film was shot just across the border in Blue Grass, Virginia. Many references are made to West Virginia.

One of the most exciting series recently purchased is the **SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS SERIES**. Nine 20-minute films designed for the general audience shows the inner workings of science, "the true art of the twentieth century". A book by the same name has been recently published. This series was shown recently on PBS television and shown commercially in New York City. Over 15 million people have seen the films. The films are widely used to teach school children the excitement of science. A very helpful 88-page teacher's guide is available from us for use with the series. Many other science films, including NOVA films, have been purchased, including exciting films on radio telescopes, black stars, sociobiology and many other subjects.

Films by independent filmmakers from all over the world have been purchased after complicated negotiations. We are one of two libraries in the USA which has purchased all of the films of Les Blank, the dean of folklife filmmaking. Two of the most famous feature films made by independent filmmakers in America were purchased -

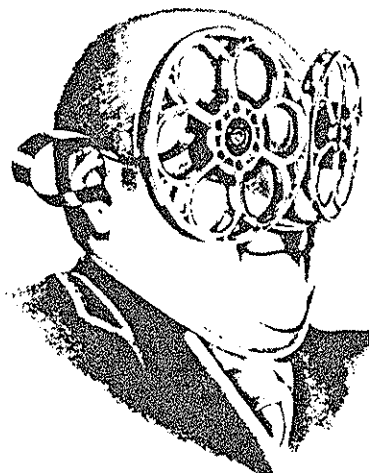
NORTHERN LIGHTS and **THE SCENIC ROUTE**. We have bought all of the films produced by Appalachia's leading film cooperative, Appalshop, of Whitesburg, Kentucky. Films by West Virginia filmmakers have also been added to the collection -

TRUE FACTS...IN A COUNTRY SONG, **THE OLDEST NEW RIVER**, **ALMOST HEAVEN**, **GRAFTON, WV** and **THE MORRIS FAMILY OLD TIME MUSIC FESTIVAL**.

We are planning a series of film workshops for this spring with a leading animator. Since the production costs of Hollywood filmmaking have skyrocketed, animation has become more cost effective. Many librarians around the State show many animated films, usually for children. We are hoping to bring Will Vinton, winner of many Academy Awards

and creator of clay animation, to West Virginia. If any librarian would like to become a part of the program, please contact Steve Fesenmaier, film librarian.

We have purchased many films on the history and techniques of cinema, and cooperated with film teachers of all educational levels around the State. Recently, for instance, Professor Roland Wobbe, Director of the College of Graduate Studies, Humanities Division, contacted us about co-sponsoring an extension class during the lunch hour on early american cinema. We have a number of films from the childhood of cinema, and agreed to let Professor Wobbe hold the class right in our screening room. The five-week course meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12:00-1:00. Eight statehouse workers are in the class. The film librarian has introduced the students to the film collection and told them how to book films through their local public libraries. **FILM LIBRARY QUARTERLY**, the leading periodical for film librarians, published a detailed article on our film program, "Films in the Mountains". One film librarian has said that it is one of the finest descriptions of a film program ever written. **FILM NEWS**, a film magazine published in New York, has carried two articles in their "What's Showing" column on our **EXPANDING CINEMA** program. If you want some national press, please send brochures, etc. to us.



Public Libraries Are Breaking In

The past few months have seen a surge of interest among public libraries in developing a neglected branch of extension series - that to county jails.

A Steering Committee composed of Kathy Wharton-Luciano of Morgantown Public, Ernie Kallay of Clarksburg, Wesley Duncan of Huttonsville Correctional Center, Barry Geesey of Kanawha County, Dan Reasor of McDowell County and Shirley A. Smith of the West Virginia Library Commission have met to survey, plan and encourage this much-needed service.

Results of their statewide survey of public libraries and county sheriffs appeared in the Fall 1980 issue of **West Virginia Libraries**.

A workshop at the West Virginia Library Association's annual meeting in Huntington in October was sparked by Gary Hill of CONTACT. Gary is a nationally-known figure in corrections work, and provided the group with ideas for gaining cooperation, funding and program implementation.

Hopefully, with the requested cooperation of the West Virginia Sheriffs Association, public libraries will be able to offer some services to incarcerated people in their area.

Three of the biggest drawbacks to success of this program are: disinterest on the part of the sheriff, fear on the part of the librarian and lack of funds to support the service.

Goals of the Committee are to show sheriffs that prisoners do want to read for recreation, education or to keep in touch with the outside world; to convince librarians that, although the jail setting is unique, it is not threatening; and that there are a variety of ways that materials can be provided without increasing the book budget.

As far as the last is concerned, there are several things to try:

1. Make a raid on the Library Commission's Gift & Exchange Section - ask for regular shipments of hardbacks and paperbacks.

2. Ask your local paper for a gift subscription for the jail.

3. Contact national magazines for gift subscriptions for the jail.

4. Request donated books from local clubs and groups.

5. Request money from local groups and clubs specifically for this project.

In the meantime, watch for mailings from the steering committee giving more information and announcements of future workshops.

One Man's Trash Another Man's Treasure

Among all the Firsts and Superlatives in West Virginia, one often not recognized is the West Virginia Library Commission's unique Gifts and Exchange Section.

Now in its third year of full-time operation, with a collection in excess of 40,000 items, this FREE service caters to the needs of all libraries in the State - public, academic, special and private.

Recent refurbishing of the storage area on the fourth floor, as well as the addition of Mary Lou Hudson to the staff, has greatly enhanced this service. The books and magazines are categorized on the shelves for easy browsing by visitors. The Exchange has been used to construct nearly-complete collections for branch libraries and fill gaps where collections were lacking in certain subject areas.

For donated or weeded books you can't use and wish to have recycled, contact Monty Baker at the Commission (348-2531).

For needs that you may have, contact Mr. Baker to arrange for a visit, or to receive his monthly list of new and useful acquisitions.

Suggested needs he can fill:

- Time, Newsweek and other popular magazines "ripped off" by term paper pirates.

- Classics in demand by high school and college English students

Foreign language materials

- Professional and trade journals

- Paperbacks for giveaway racks

- Older, but still in demand bestsellers

- Textbooks from grade school to grad school

Basic "good reads" for your extension and outreach services to shut-ins, jails hospitals, nursing homes

- West Virginia materials

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